### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

SIDRA AKRAM :

:

v.

NO.

TARGET, TARGET CORPORATION, c/o CT CORPORATION, TARGET STORES c/o ct CORPORATION, and JOHN DOES 1-4

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### NOTICE OF FILING OF NOTICE OF REMOVAL

To: Keith W. Kofsky, Esquire - Attorney for Plaintiff Clearfield & Kofsky One Penn Center at Suburban Station 1617 JFK Blvd., Suite 355 Philadelphia, PA 19103

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on November 1, 2021, Defendants, Target Corporation, Target and Target Stores (hereinafter collectively "Target") filed a Notice of Removal, a copy of which is attached hereto, in the above captioned litigation in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

You are advised that Target, upon the filing of such Notice of Removal in the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, also filed a copy thereof with the Prothonotary of the Philadelphia Court of

Common Pleas to effect removal, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1446(d).

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PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

v.

AUGUST TERM, 2021

TARGET, TARGET CORPORATION, c/o CT CORPORATION, TARGET

STORES c/o CT CORPORATION, and

JOHN DOES 1-4

NO. 002633

### NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF DEFENDANTS TARGET CORPORATION, TARGET AND TARGET STORES

To the Honorable Judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania:

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332, 1441 and 1446, Defendants Target Corporation, Target and Target Stores (hereinafter collectively "Target and/or Target Corporation") through its counsel, Susanna Randazzo, Esquire, respectfully petitions for the removal of this action from Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. In support thereof, Defendant states the following:

1. On August 30, 2021, plaintiff Sidra Akram initiated an action against Target Corporation, Target and Target Stores by the filing of a Complaint in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, Docket No.: 210802633 (See Exhibit "A").

- 2. Plaintiff served Target on October 1, 2021 at a Target store<sup>1</sup>. (See Exhibit "B", Service of Process Transmittal)."
- 3. On October 20, 2021, Susanna Randazzo, Esquire entered her appearance on behalf of Target Corporation (See Exhibit "C", Electronically filed copy of Entry of Appearance).
- 4. Target Corporation's responsive pleading to Plaintiff's Complaint was electronically filed in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas on October 20, 2021 (See Exhibit "D", Electronic-filed copy of Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint and New Matter).
- 5. This Notice of Removal is timely filed within thirty days after service of the Complaint upon Target Corporation pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1446 (b).
- 6. Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, is a citizen of Pennsylvania and resides at 619 Country Lane, Morton, PA, 19070.
- 7. Target Corporation is neither incorporated nor maintains its principal place of business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 8. Target Corporation is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota, with its principal place of business in that State, specifically, 1000 Nicollett Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55403.
- 9. At the time of the filing of the Plaintiff' Complaint and at the time of this removal there is diversity of citizenship among the parties pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332(a)(1).
- 10. Plaintiff's Complaint alleges that on or about October 3, 2019 she was at the Target Store located at 875 Baltimore Pike, Springfield, PA when she was caused to fall due to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> It is specifically denied that service of Target Corporation at a Target store is proper service; however, on or about October 13, 2021, Plaintiff served Target at it's registered agent for service, CT Corporation (Exhibit E). Accordingly, service of process is not at issue.

"a wet and/or slippery substance on the floor." (Exhibit "A" ¶s 21 and 23).

- 11. Plaintiff alleges that she as a result of the incident she "suffered injuries which are or may be serious and permanent in nature, including but not limited to: disc injuries, left knee sprain and strain, bilateral hip injury, coccyx injury, musculoskeletal injuries..." (Exhibit "A" ¶ 30).
- 12. Plaintiff is also alleging that as a result of the alleged incident she suffered a severe loss of earnings and impairment of earning power. (Exhibit A, ¶32).
- 13. Plaintiff's Complaint demands damages in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). (Exhibit A).
- 14. Based on Plaintiff's claims, which are specifically denied, the amount in controversy in this matter exceeds Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000), and therefore satisfies the amount in controversy threshold for federal diversity jurisdiction. 28 U.S.C. \$1332(a) and \$1441(a).
- 15. Written notice of the filing of this Notice will be served on the adverse party as required by 28 U.S.C. §1446(d).
- 16. A copy of this Notice will be filed with the Prothonotary of the Philadelphia Court of Common as provided by 28 U.S.C. §1446 (d).
- 17. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1446(a), all process, pleadings and orders are attached as Exhibits A through D.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Target Corporation prays that it may effect the removal of

this action from the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Susanna Randazzo

Susanna Randazzo, Esquire Attorney for Defendant Target Corporation Attorney ID: 79116 Kolber & Randazzo P.C. One South Broad Street St. - Suite 1610 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107 (215) 567-1333

Dated: November 1, 2021

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Susanna Randazzo, attorney for Defendant Target Corporation d/b/a Target Stores state that on this date, the Defendant's Notice of Removal was filed and a copy was sent via electronic mail, on the date of acceptance to Plaintiff's counsel, Marc Greenfield, Esquire:

<u>mfg@injuryline.com</u>

By:

/s/Susanna Randazzo

Susanna Randazzo, Esquire Attorney for Target Corporation

Attorney ID: 79116

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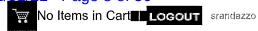
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Dated: November 1, 2021

# **EXHIBIT A**



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**Civil Docket Report** 

### **Case Description**

Case ID:

210802633

Case Caption: AKRAM VS TARGET ETAL

Filing Date:

Monday, August 30th, 2021

Court:

MAJOR JURY-STANDARD

Location:

City Hall

Jury:

**JURY** 

Case Type:

PREMISES LIABILITY, SLIP/FALL

Status:

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### **Related Cases**

No related cases were found.

### **Case Event Schedule**

No case events were found.

### Case motions

No case motions were found.

### **Case Parties**

Seq#	Assoc	Expn Date	Туре	Name
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3	8		DEFENDANT	TARGET
Address:	857 BALTIMORE PIKE SPRINGFIELD PA 19064	Aliases:	none	
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4	8		DEFENDANT	TARGET CORPORATION
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5	8		DEFENDANT	TARGET STORES
Address:	600 N. 2ND STREET, SUITE 401 HARRISBURG PA 17101	Aliases:	CT CORPORATION SYST	EM C/O
6			DEFENDANT	JOHN DOES 1-4
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### **Docket Entries**

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24-SEP-2021 04:19 PM	PRAECIPE TO REINSTATE CMPLT	KOFSKY, KEITH W		27-SEP-2021 09:22 AM
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COURT OF COMMON PLEA PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

AUGUST TERM, 2021 NO.

# COMPLAINT IN CIVIL ACTION (Code #2S - Premises Liability - Slip and Fall)

#### NOTICE

"You have been sued in court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this complaint and notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the court without further notice for any money claimed in the complaint of for any other claim or relief requested by the plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

"YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER OR CANNOT AFFORD ONE, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU CAN GET LEGAL HELP.

> PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION LAWYER REFERRAL & INFORMATION SERVICE One Reading Center Philadelphia, PA 19107 (215) 238-1701

AVISO

"Le han demandado a usted en la corte. Si usted quiere defenderse de estas demandas expuestas en las páginas siguientes, usted tiene veinte (20) diás de plazo al partir de la fecha de la demanda y la notificación. Hace falta asentar una comparencia escrita o en persona o con un abogado y entregar a la corte en forma escrita sus defensas o sus objectiones a las domandas en contra de su persona. Se avisado que si usted no se defiende, la corte tomará medidas y puede continuar la demanda en contra suya sin previo aviso o notificación. Ademàs, la corte puede decidir a favor del demandante y requiere que usted compla con todas las provisiones de esta demanda. Usted puede perder dinero o sus propiedades u otros derechos importantes para usted.

"LLEVE ESTA DEMANDA A UN ABOGADO INMEDIATAMENTE. SI NO TIENE ABOGADO O SI NO TIENE EL DINERO SUFICIENTE DE PAGAR TAL SERVICIO, VAYA EN PERSONA O LLAME POR TELEFONO A LA OFICINA CUYA DIRECCION SE ENCUENTRA ESCRITA ABAJO PARA AVERIGUAR DONDE SE PUEDE CONSEGUIR ASISTENCIA LEGAL.

ASOCIACION DE LICENDIADOS DE FILADELFIA SERVICIO DE REFERENCIA E INFORMACION LEGAL One Reading Center Filadelia, Penna. 19107 (215) 238-1701

### GENERAL AVERMENTS

- 1. Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, is an adult individual who resides at the above-captioned address.
- 2. Defendant, Target, is a business, company, entity, partnership, franchise, fictitious name, proprietorship or corporation existing and/or qualifying under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with a registered office for the acceptance of service or a principal place of business at the address listed in the caption of this Complaint.
- 3. Defendant, Target Corporation, (hereinafter referred to as Target Corp.") is a business, company, entity, partnership, franchise, fictitious name, proprietorship or corporation existing and/or qualifying under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with a registered office for the acceptance of service or a principal place of business at the address listed in the caption of this Complaint.
- 4. Defendant, Target Stores, is a business, company, entity, partnership, franchise, fictitious name, proprietorship or corporation existing and/or qualifying under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with a registered office for the acceptance of service or a principal place of business at the address listed in the caption of this Complaint.
  - 5. Defendant, John Doe 1, a fictitious designation, is currently an unknown party.
- 6. Upon information and belief, Defendant, John Doe 1, is that of a customer who may have contributed to the slippery substance being on the floor.
  - 7. The identity of John Doe 1, is unknown after a reasonable search with due diligence.

- 8. Defendant, John Doe 2, a fictitious designation, is currently an unknown party.
- 9. Upon information and belief, Defendant, John Doe 2, is that of a contractor.
- 10. Upon information and belief, Defendant, John Doe 2, potentially had responsibility for maintaining the premises.
  - 11. The identity of John Doe 2, is unknown after a reasonable search with due diligence.
  - 12. Defendant, John Doe 3, a fictitious designation, is currently an unknown party.
  - 13. Upon information and belief, Defendant, John Doe 3, is that of a sub-contractor.
- 14. Upon information and belief, Defendant, John Doe 3, potentially had responsibility for maintaining the premises.
  - 15. The identity of John Doe 3, is unknown after a reasonable search with due diligence.
  - 16. Defendant, John Doe 4, a fictitious designation, is currently an unknown party
  - 17. Upon information and belief, Defendant, John Doe 4, is that of a vendor.
- 18. Upon information and belief, Defendant, John Doe 4, potentially had responsibility for setting up displays on the premises.
  - 19. The identity of John Doe 4, is unknown after a reasonable search with due diligence.
- 20. At all times material hereto Defendants, Target Corporation and/or Target Stores regularly conducted business in Philadelphia County.
- 21. At all times material hereto, Defendants, Target and/or Target Corporation and/or Target Stores. did own and/or manage and/or operate and/or control and/or possess the premises including the floors inside the facility known as Target located at 875 Baltimore Pike, Springfield, Pennsylvania.

- 22. At all times material hereto, Defendants acted or failed to act by and through their agents, servants, workmen and/or employees who were then and there acting within the scope of their authority and course of their employment with Defendants, in furtherance of Defendants' businesses and on behalf of Defendants.
- 23. On or about October 3, 2019, and for some time prior thereto, Defendants acting by and through its agents, servants, workmen and/or employees, acting as aforesaid, carelessly and negligently allowed a dangerous and defective condition, to wit: a wet and/or slippery substance on the floor near the greeting card aisle was permitted to exist and remain at the aforementioned premises, for an unreasonable period of time.
- 24. On or about October 3, 2019, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram was a business invitee at the aforesaid location.
- 25. Plaintiff fell to the ground by reason of coming in contact with the aforementioned dangerous and defective condition at the aforesaid location, causing Plaintiff the injuries that form the basis for this action.
- 26. Said Defendants were responsible for the proper maintenance of the premises including the floors and safety of business invitees and/or lawful pedestrians inside of their leased premises.
- 27. The aforesaid accident was due solely to the negligence and carelessness of the Defendants, acting as aforesaid, and was due in no manner whatsoever to any act or failure to act on the part of the Plaintiff.

# PLAINTIFF, SIDRA AKRAM v. DEFENDANTS, TARGET, TARGET CORPORATION & TARGET STORES, ONLY

- 28. Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, incorporates by reference hereto, all of the allegations contained in the General Averments, as if they were set forth at length herein.
- 29. The negligence and carelessness of the Defendants, acting as aforesaid, consisted of the following:
  - (a) allowing and/or causing a dangerous and defective condition to exist on the floor at the aforesaid location, of which Defendants knew or should have known by the exercise of reasonable care;
  - (b) said dangerous condition created a reasonably foreseeable risk of the kind of injuries which Plaintiff sustained;
  - (c) Defendants knew or should have known of the existence of said dangerous condition;
  - (d) failing to give warning or notice of the defective condition;
  - (e) failing to inspect the floors at reasonable intervals to determine the condition thereof;
  - (f) failing to mop and/or remove the wet and/or slippery substance from the floor;
  - (g) failing to place wet floor signs or other warning mechanisms to warn of a potential hazard;
  - (h) failing to provide Plaintiff with a safe and adequate passageway;

- (i) allowing a wet and/or slippery substance to accumulate on the floor for an unreasonable length of time;
- (j) failing to place mats or other absorbent materials on the floor near the defect;
- (k) failing to provide a safe and adequate passageway;
- (I) failing to hire and/or supervise competent contractors to provide proper maintenance on the premises;
- (m) failing to hire a sufficient number of employees to ensure the safety of their invitees;
- (n) permitting a roof or utility structure to fall into disrepair and leak onto the floor;
- (o) permitting a refrigeration device to fall into disrepair and subsequently leak;
- (p) failing to properly stock merchandise so as to prevent spillage of slippery substances;
- (q) failing to properly stock merchandise so as to prevent spills;
- (r) failing to properly train employees to stock, clean and warn customers of spills;
- (s) permitting a plumbing apparatus to fall into disrepair
- (t) negligence per se;
- (u) in being otherwise careless, and negligent, the particulars of which are presently unknown to Plaintiff, but which may be learned by discovery procedures provided by the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure or which may be learned at the trial of this case.

- 30. As a result of this accident, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, has suffered injuries which are or may be serious and permanent in nature, including but not limited to: disc injuries, left knee sprain and strain, bilateral hip injury, coccyx injury, musculoskeletal injuries, as well as other injuries as may be diagnosed by Plaintiff's health care providers, all of which injuries have in the past, and may in the future, cause Plaintiff great pain and suffering.
- 31. As a further result of this accident, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram has been or will be required to receive and undergo medical attention and care and to expend various sums of money and to incur various expenses, and may be required to continue to expend such sums or incur such expenditures for an indefinite time in the future.
- 32. As a further result of this accident, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, has or may hereafter suffer a severe loss of earnings and impairment of earning power and capacity.
- 33. As a further result of this accident, Plaint ff, Sidra Akram, has suffered medically determinable physical and/or mental impairment, which prevents the plaintiff from performing all or substantially all of the material acts and duties that constituted the plaintiff's usual and customary activities prior to the accident.
- 34. As a direct and reasonable result of the accident aforementioned, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, has incurred or may hereafter incur, other financial expenses that exceed or may exceed the amount which plaintiff may otherwise be entitled to recover
- 35. As a further result of the accident aforementioned, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, has suffered severe physical pain, mental anguish and humiliation, and may continue to suffer same for an indefinite time in the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, demands udgment against the defendants, jointly and/or severally, for damages, in an amount in excess of the arbitration limits, plus interest and costs.

# COUNT II PLAINTIFF, SIDRA AKRAM v. DEFENDANT, JOHN DOE 1 (customer), ONLY

- 36. Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, incorporates by reference hereto, all of the allegations contained in the General Averments and Count I, as if they were set forth at length herein.
- 37. The negligence and carelessness of the Defendant, acting as aforesaid, consisted of the following:
  - (a) allowing and/or causing a dangerous and defective condition to exist on the floor at the aforesaid location, of which Defendant knew or should have known by the exercise of reasonable care;
  - (b) said dangerous condition created a reasonably foreseeable risk of the kind of injuries which Plaintiff sustained;
  - (c) Defendant knew or should have known of the existence of said dangerous condition;
  - (d) failing to give warning or notice of the defective condition;
  - (e) in being otherwise careless, and negligent, the particulars of which are presently unknown to Plaintiff, but which may be learned by discovery procedures provided by the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure or which may be learned at the trial of this case.
- 38. As a result of this accident, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, has suffered injuries which are or may be serious and permanent in nature, including but not limited to: disc injuries, left knee sprain and strain, bilateral hip injury, coccyx injury, musculoskeletal injuries, as well as other injuries as may be diagnosed by Plaintiff's health care providers, all of which injuries have in the past, and may in the future, cause Plaintiff great pain and suffering.

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- 40. As a further result of this accident, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, has or may hereafter suffer a severe loss of earnings and impairment of earning power and capacity.
- 41. As a further result of this accident, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, has suffered medically determinable physical and/or mental impairment, which prevents the plaintiff from performing all or substantially all of the material acts and duties that constituted the plaintiff's usual and customary activities prior to the accident.
- 42. As a direct and reasonable result of the accident aforementioned, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, has incurred or may hereafter incur, other financial expenses that exceed or may exceed the amount which plaintiff may otherwise be entitled to recover
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WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, demands judgment against the defendants, jointly and/or severally, for damages, in an amount in excess of the arbitration limits, plus interest and costs.

# PLAINTIFF, SIDRA AKRAM v. DEFENDANT, JOHN DOE 2 (contractor), ONLY

44. Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, incorporates by reference hereto, all of the allegations contained in the General Averments and Counts I and II, as if they were set forth at length herein.

- 45. The negligence and carelessness of the Defendant, acting as aforesaid, consisted of the following:
  - (a) allowing and/or causing a dangerous and defective condition to exist on the floor at the aforesaid location, of which Defendant knew or should have known by the exercise of reasonable care;
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- 48. As a further result of this accident, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, has or may hereafter suffer a severe loss of earnings and impairment of earning power and capacity.

- 49. As a further result of this accident, Plair tiff, Sidra Akram, has suffered medically determinable physical and/or mental impairment, which prevents the plaintiff from performing all or substantially all of the material acts and duties that constituted the plaintiff's usual and customary activities prior to the accident.
- 50. As a direct and reasonable result of the accident aforementioned, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, has incurred or may hereafter incur, other financial expenses that exceed or may exceed the amount which plaintiff may otherwise be entitled to recover.
- 51. As a further result of the accident aforementioned, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, has suffered severe physical pain, mental anguish and humiliation, and may continue to suffer same for an indefinite time in the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, demands judgment against the defendants, jointly and/or severally, for damages, in an amount in excess of the arbitration limits, plus interest and costs.

# PLAINTIFF, SIDRA AKRAM v. DEFENDANT, JOHN DOE 3 (sub-contractor), ONLY

- 52. Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, incorporates by reference hereto, all of the allegations contained in the General Averments and Counts I through III, as if they were set forth at length herein.
- 53. The negligence and carelessness of the Defendant, acting as aforesaid, consisted of the following:
  - (a) allowing and/or causing a dangerous and defective condition to exist on the floor at the aforesaid location, of which Defendant knew or should have known by the exercise of reasonable care;

- (b) said dangerous condition created a reasonably foreseeable risk of the kind of injuries which Plaintiff sustained;
- (c) Defendant knew or should have known of the existence of said dangerous condition;
- (d) failing to give warning or notice of the defective condition;
- (e) failing to inspect the floors at reasonable intervals to determine the condition thereof;
- (f) failing to mop and/or remove the wet and/or slippery substance from the floor;
- (g) failing to inspect the floor at reasonable intervals to determine the condition thereof;
- (h) failing to provide Plaintiff with a safe and adequate passageway;
- (i) allowing a wet and/or slippery substance to accumulate on the floor for an unreasonable length of time;
- (j) failing to place mats or other absorbent materials on the floor near the defective condition;
- (k) failing to place wet floor signs or other warning mechanisms to warn of a potential hazard;
- (l) failing to provide proper maintenance on the premises;
- (m) in being otherwise careless, and negligent, the particulars of which are presently unknown to Plaintiff, but which may be learned by discovery procedures provided by the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure or which may be learned at the trial of this case.

- As a result of this accident, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, has suffered injuries which are or may be serious and permanent in nature, including but not limited to: disc injuries, left knee sprain and strain, bilateral hip injury, coccyx injury, musculoskeletal injuries, as well as other injuries as may be diagnosed by Plaintiff's health care providers, all of which injuries have in the past, and may in the future, cause Plaintiff great pain and suffering.
- 55. As a further result of this accident, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, has been or will be required to receive and undergo medical attention and care and to expend various sums of money and to incur various expenses, and may be required to continue to expend such sums or incur such expenditures for an indefinite time in the future.
- 56. As a further result of this accident, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, has or may hereafter suffer a severe loss of earnings and impairment of earning power and capacity.
- 57. As a further result of this accident, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, has suffered medically determinable physical and/or mental impairment, which prevents the plaintiff from performing all or substantially all of the material acts and duties that constituted the plaintiff's usual and customary activities prior to the accident.
- Akram, has incurred or may hereafter incur, other financial expenses that exceed or may exceed the amount which plaintiff may otherwise be entitled to recover.
- 59. As a further result of the accident aforementioned, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, has suffered severe physical pain, mental anguish and humiliation, and may continue to suffer same for an indefinite time in the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, demands judgment against the defendants, jointly and/or severally, for damages, in an amount in excess of the arbitration limits, plus interest and costs.

# COUNT V PLAINTIFF, SIDRA AKRAM v. DEFENDANT, JOHN DOE 3 (vendor), ONLY

- 60. Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, incorporates by reference hereto, all of the allegations contained in the General Averments and Counts I through IV, as if they were set forth at length herein.
- 61. The negligence and carelessness of the Defendant, acting as aforesaid, consisted of the following:
  - (a) allowing and/or causing a dangerous and defective condition to exist on the floor at the aforesaid location, of which Defendant knew or should have known by the exercise of reasonable care;
  - (b) said dangerous condition created a reasonably foreseeable risk of the kind of injuries which Plaintiff sustained;
  - (c) Defendant knew or should have known of the existence of said dangerous condition;
  - (d) failing to give warning or notice of the defective condition;
  - (e) failing to inspect the floors at reasonable intervals to determine the condition thereof;
  - (f) failing to mop and/or remove the wet and/or slippery substance from the floor;
  - (g) failing to inspect the floor at reasonable intervals to determine the condition thereof;
  - (h) failing to provide Plaintiff with a safe and adequate passageway;
  - (i) allowing a wet and/or slippery substance to accumulate on the floor for an unreasonable length of time;

- (j) failing to properly set up displays so as to prevent liquids from falling onto the floor;
- (k) failing to place wet floor signs or other warning mechanisms to warn of a potential hazard;
- (I) in being otherwise careless, and negligent, the particulars of which are presently unknown to Plaintiff, but which may be learned by discovery procedures provided by the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure or which may be learned at the trial of this case.
- 62. As a result of this accident, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, has suffered injuries which are or may be serious and permanent in nature, including but not limited to: disc injuries, left knee sprain and strain, bilateral hip injury, coccyx injury, musculoskeletal injuries, as well as other injuries as may be diagnosed by Plaintiff's health care providers, all of which injuries have in the past, and may in the future, cause Plaintiff great pain and suffering.
- 63. As a further result of this accident, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, has been or will be required to receive and undergo medical attention and care and to expend various sums of money and to incur various expenses, and may be required to continue to expend such sums or incur such expenditures for an indefinite time in the future.
- 64. As a further result of this accident, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, has or may hereafter suffer a severe loss of earnings and impairment of earning power and capacity.
- 65. As a further result of this accident, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, has suffered medically determinable physical and/or mental impairment, which prevents the plaintiff from performing all or substantially all of the material acts and duties that constituted the plaintiff's usual and customary activities prior to the accident.

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- 66. As a direct and reasonable result of the accident aforementioned, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, has incurred or may hereafter incur, other financial expenses that exceed or may exceed the amount which plaintiff may otherwise be entitled to recover.
- 67. As a further result of the accident aforementioned, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, has suffered severe physical pain, mental anguish and humiliation, and may continue to suffer same for an indefinite time in the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Sidra Akram, demands judgment against the defendants, jointly and/or severally, for damages, in an amount in excess of the arbitration limits, plus interest and costs.

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1st Keith W. Kofsky

BY:

Keith W. Kofsky, Esquire Attorney for Plaintiff, Sidra Akram

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# **EXHIBIT C**

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**AUGUST TERM, 2021** v.

TARGET, TARGET CORPORATION, NO. 002633

c/o CT CORPORATION, TARGET STORES c/o CT CORPORATION, and JOHN DOES 1-4

### **ENTRY OF APPEARANCE**

#### TO THE PROTHONOTARY:

Enter my appearance as counsel for Defendant Target Corporation (incorrectly identified as Target Corporation c/o CT Corporation System, Target and Target Stores c/o CT Corporation System) in the above entitled matter.

Kolber & Randazzo, PC

Attorney for Defendant **Target Corporation** 

Dated: October 20, 2021

# **EXHIBIT D**

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ATTORNEY FOR TRIget Corporation

Attorney for Defendant Target Corporation, (incorrectly identified as Target Stores c/o CT Corporation and Target)

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v.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

**AUGUST TERM, 2021** 

TARGET, TARGET CORPORATION, c/o CT CORPORATION, TARGET STORES c/o CT CORPORATION, and

JOHN DOES 1-4

NO. 002633

# TARGET CORPORATION'S (INCORRECTLY IDENTIFIED AS TARGET AND TARGET STORES C/O CT CORPORATION) ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT AND NEW MATTER ADDRESSED TO PLAINTIFF

AND NOW comes Target Corporation (incorrectly identified as Target, Target Stores c/o CT Corporation) (hereinafter collectively "Target" and/or "Defendant"), by and through its counsel KOLBER & RANDAZZO, P.C. and responds as follows to Plaintiff's Complaint:

- 1. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this averment.
- 2. Denied. "Target" is a trade name utilized by Target Corporation, which is not a business entity and does not conduct business in Pennsylvania. The remaining allegations contained in this paragraph of plaintiff's Complaint are denied as conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required.

- 3. Admitted in part, denied in part. It is admitted only as a general proposition that Defendant Target Corporation is a business entity registered to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Moreover, Target is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota, with its principal place of business in that State, specifically, 1000 Nicollett Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55403. It is further admitted that Target Corporation is a Minnesota corporation and has an office for service of process in Harrisburg, PA. It is specifically denied that Target Corporation is a partnership, franchise, fictitious name and/or proprietorship. All remaining allegations of this paragraph are denied as conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required.
- 4. Admitted in part, denied in part. It is specifically denied that Target Stores, is a proper defendant in this action. Moreover, Target Stores is incorrectly identified by Plaintiff. To the extent that this averment is directed to Target Corporation, it is admitted only as a general proposition that Defendant Target Corporation is a business entity registered to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Moreover, Target is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota, with its principal place of business in that State, specifically, 1000 Nicollett Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55403. All remaining allegations of this paragraph are denied as conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required.
- 5. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph are not directed to Answering Defendant, accordingly no responsive pleading is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed necessary, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them.
- 6. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph are not directed to Answering Defendant, accordingly no responsive pleading is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed necessary, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them.

- 7. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph are not directed to Answering Defendant, accordingly no responsive pleading is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed necessary, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them.
- 8. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph are not directed to Answering Defendant, accordingly no responsive pleading is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed necessary, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them.
- 9. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph are not directed to Answering Defendant, accordingly no responsive pleading is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed necessary, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them.
- 10. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph are not directed to Answering

  Defendant, accordingly no responsive pleading is required. To the extent that an answer is

  deemed necessary, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them. Moreover,
  the averments of this paragraph are denied as conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading
  is required.
- 11. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph are not directed to Answering

  Defendant, accordingly no responsive pleading is required. To the extent that an answer is

  deemed necessary, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them.
- 12. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph are not directed to Answering

  Defendant, accordingly no responsive pleading is required. To the extent that an answer is

  deemed necessary, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them.
- 13. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph are not directed to Answering Defendant, accordingly no responsive pleading is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed necessary, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them.

- 14. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph are not directed to Answering

  Defendant, accordingly no responsive pleading is required. To the extent that an answer is

  deemed necessary, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them. Moreover,

  the averments of this paragraph are denied as conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading
  is required.
- 15. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph are not directed to Answering Defendant, accordingly no responsive pleading is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed necessary, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them.
- 16. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph are not directed to Answering Defendant, accordingly no responsive pleading is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed necessary, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them.
- 17. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph are not directed to Answering Defendant, accordingly no responsive pleading is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed necessary, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them.
- 18. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph are not directed to Answering

  Defendant, accordingly no responsive pleading is required. To the extent that an answer is

  deemed necessary, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them. Moreover,
  the averments of this paragraph are denied as conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading
  is required.
- 19. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph are not directed to Answering

  Defendant, accordingly no responsive pleading is required. To the extent that an answer is

  deemed necessary, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them.
  - 20. Admitted in part, denied in part. It is admitted only as a general proposition that

Defendant Target Corporation is a business entity registered to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania including Philadelphia County. It is specifically denied that Target Stores conducts business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania including Philadelphia County. All remaining allegations of this paragraph are denied as conclusions of law.

- 21. Admitted in part, denied in part. Target Corporation admits that it owns and operates the Target Store located at 875 Baltimore Pike, Springfield, Pennsylvania. It is specifically denied that Target and/or Target Stores owns, manages and/or operates the store located at 875 Baltimore Pike, Springfield, PA. All averments of control and possession are specifically denied. The remaining allegations contained in this paragraph of plaintiff's Complaint are denied as conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required.
- 22. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required pursuant to the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure. To the extent that the allegations of this paragraph are factual, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them. All averments of agency are specifically denied as conclusions of law or mixed conclusion of fact and law to which no further response is required. The allegations of agency are also denied as stated on the grounds that no agents have been designated or named.
- 23. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required pursuant to the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure. To the extent that the allegations of this paragraph are factual, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them. All averments of agency are specifically denied as conclusions of law or mixed conclusion of fact and law to which no further response is required. The allegations of agency are also denied as stated on the grounds that no agents have been designated or named. Moreover, it is specifically denied that a dangerous and/or defective condition existed as alleged

or otherwise. It is specifically denied that Answering Defendant knew or had reason to know of any dangerous, hazardous, and/or defective condition.

- 24. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required pursuant to the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure. To the extent that the allegations of this paragraph are factual, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them. It is specifically denied that the Plaintiff was a business invitee.
- 25. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required pursuant to the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure. To the extent that the allegations of this paragraph are factual, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them. It is specifically denied that the Plaintiff sustained any injuries and/or was injured as alleged. It is specifically denied that a dangerous and/or defective condition existed as alleged.
- 26. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required pursuant to the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure. To the extent that the allegations of this paragraph are factual, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them. It is specifically denied that a dangerous and/or defective condition existed as alleged. It is specifically denied that plaintiff was a business invitee. All averments of duty to maintain are specifically denied.
- 27. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required pursuant to the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure. To the extent that the allegations of this paragraph are factual, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them. Defendant specifically denies that it was negligent and/or careless as alleged in this paragraph, or otherwise. To the contrary, Defendant avers that the alleged accident

was solely the result of the negligence of plaintiff or of other individuals over whom defendant had no control.

#### **COUNT I**

#### Plaintiff, Sidra Akram V. Defendant: Target, Target Corporation, & Target Store

- 28. Defendant hereby incorporates by reference each of the preceding paragraphs of this answer as if set forth fully and at length herein.
- 29. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required pursuant to the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure. To the extent that the allegations of this paragraph are factual, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them. It is specifically denied that Answering Defendant was negligent or careless in any manner whatsoever and particularly as alleged in this paragraph. To the contrary, Answering Defendant acted at all times in a non-negligent, non-careless and non-liability producing manner. If the Plaintiff sustained any injuries or damages as alleged, which is denied, then said injuries and damages were caused by the actions, omissions, negligence, carelessness, recklessness and other liability producing conduct on the part of Plaintiff and/or others and were caused in no manner whatsoever by Answering Defendant. It is specifically denied that a dangerous and/or defective condition existed as alleged. It is specifically denied that Answering Defendant knew or had reason to know of any dangerous, hazardous, and/or defective condition.
- 30. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required pursuant to the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure. To the extent that the allegations of this paragraph are factual, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them. It is specifically denied that Defendant caused either directly or proximately the injuries, damages or losses alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint.

- 31. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required pursuant to the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure. To the extent that the allegations of this paragraph are factual, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them. It is specifically denied that Defendant caused either directly or proximately the injuries, damages or losses alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint.
- 32. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required pursuant to the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure. To the extent that the allegations of this paragraph are factual, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them. It is specifically denied that Defendant caused either directly or proximately the injuries, damages or losses alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint.
- 33. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required pursuant to the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure. To the extent that the allegations of this paragraph are factual, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them. It is specifically denied that Defendant caused either directly or proximately the injuries, damages or losses alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint.
- 34. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required pursuant to the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure. To the extent that the allegations of this paragraph are factual, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them. It is specifically denied that Defendant caused either directly or proximately the injuries, damages or losses alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint.
- 35. Denied. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required pursuant to the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure. To the extent that the allegations of this paragraph are factual, after reasonable investigation answering

defendant denies them. It is specifically denied that Defendant caused either directly or proximately the injuries, damages or losses alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint.

WHEREFORE, Defendant denies that it is liable for the causes of action alleged by plaintiff in this civil action and requests entry of judgment in favor of answering defendant and against plaintiff, together with interest and costs of suit.

## COUNT II Plaintiff, Sidra Akram V. Defendant, John Doe 1 (cusomer)

- 36. Defendant hereby incorporates by reference each of the preceding paragraphs of this answer as if set forth fully and at length herein.
- 37. 43. Denied. The allegations of paragraphs 37 through and inclusive of 43 are not directed to Answering Defendant, accordingly no responsive pleading is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed necessary, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them.

WHEREFORE, Defendant denies that it is liable for the causes of action alleged by plaintiff in this civil action and requests entry of judgment in favor of answering defendant and against plaintiff, together with interest and costs of suit.

# COUNT III Plaintiff, Sidra Akram V. Defendant, John Doe 2 (contractor)

- 44. Defendant hereby incorporates by reference each of the preceding paragraphs of this answer as if set forth fully and at length herein.
- 45. 51. Denied. The allegations of paragraphs 45 through and inclusive of 51 are not directed to Answering Defendant, accordingly no responsive pleading is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed necessary, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them.

WHEREFORE, Defendant denies that it is liable for the causes of action alleged by plaintiff in this civil action and requests entry of judgment in favor of answering defendant and against plaintiff, together with interest and costs of suit.

## COUNT IV Plaintiff, Sidra Akram V. Defendant, John Doe 3 (sub-contractor)

- 52. Defendant hereby incorporates by reference each of the preceding paragraphs of this answer as if set forth fully and at length herein.
- 53. 59. Denied. The allegations of paragraphs 53 through and inclusive of 59 are not directed to Answering Defendant, accordingly no responsive pleading is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed necessary, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them.

WHEREFORE, Defendant denies that it is liable for the causes of action alleged by plaintiff in this civil action and requests entry of judgment in favor of answering defendant and against plaintiff, together with interest and costs of suit.

### COUNT V Plaintiff, Sidra Akram V. Defendant, John Doe 3 (vendor)

- 60. Defendant hereby incorporates by reference each of the preceding paragraphs of this answer as if set forth fully and at length herein.
- 61. 67. Denied. The allegations of paragraphs 61 through and inclusive of 67 are not directed to Answering Defendant, accordingly no responsive pleading is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed necessary, after reasonable investigation answering defendant denies them.

WHEREFORE, Defendant denies that it is liable for the causes of action alleged by plaintiff in this civil action and requests entry of judgment in favor of answering defendant and

against plaintiff, together with interest and costs of suit.

#### **NEW MATTER ADDRESSED TO PLAINTIFF**

- 68. The Complaint fails to state a cause of action.
- 69. Plaintiff's claims for relief in this matter are barred or reduced by plaintiff's contributory and/or comparative negligence in that plaintiff's own negligence caused or contributed to causing her alleged accident and in that she failed to exercise reasonable care for her own safety.
  - 70. Plaintiff's claims in this case are barred or reduced by her assumption of risk.
- 71. Plaintiff's claims in this matter are barred by the relevant Pennsylvania Statute of Limitations.
- 72. Plaintiff's claims are barred or limited pursuant to the Pennsylvania Comparative Negligence Act which was in full force and effect at the time of said occurrence.
  - 73. Answering defendant did not owe any duty to plaintiff.
- 74. Defendant asserts that the incident alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint was the result of the negligent, careless and/or other liability producing acts of a third party or independent contractor other than Defendant over whom Defendant exercise no authority or control.
- 75. Plaintiff's claims in this matter are barred by the relevant Pennsylvania Equitable Doctrines of Estoppel and Laches.
- 76. Plaintiff's claims in this matter are barred by the relevant Pennsylvania Equitable Doctrines of Statute of Frauds and Res Judicata.
- 77. No act or omission on the part of Answering Defendant caused or contributed to any of plaintiff's alleged injuries.
  - 78. Plaintiff's claims are barred by superceding and/or intervening causes.

79. Defendant denies that a dangerous and/or defective condition existed at the

premises as alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint and denies that it had notice, either actual or

constructive, of the alleged condition complained of in Plaintiff's Complaint.

80. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the applicable statue of

repose.

81. The injuries and/or damages allegedly sustained by plaintiff were not

proximately caused by any acts and/or omissions on the part of Answering Defendant.

82. Defendant hereby reserves the right upon completion of its investigation and

discovery, which is ongoing and incomplete, to file such additional affirmative defenses,

counterclaims and/or third party complaints as may be appropriate.

WHEREFORE, Defendant denies that it is liable for the causes of action alleged by

plaintiff in this civil action and requests entry of judgment in favor of defendant and against

plaintiff, together with interest and costs of suit.

KOLBER & RANDAZZO, P.C.

Susanna Randazzo, Esquire

Attorney for Defendant Target Corporation

(incorrectly identified as Target, Target Store c/o

CT Corporation)

Date: October 20, 2021

#### **VERIFICATION**

Susanna Randazzo, Esquire hereby states that she is the attorney for Defendant Target Corporation (incorrectly identified as Target, Target Store c/o CT Corporation) in this action and verifies that the statements made in the foregoing Answer of Defendant to Plaintiff's Complaint and New Matter Addressed to Plaintiff are true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information and belief. The undersigned understand that the statements therein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Susanna Randazzo, Hsquire

Attorney for Defendant Target Corporation (incorrectly identified as Target, Target Store c/o CT Corporation)

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Susanna Randazzo, attorney for Defendant Target Corporation (incorrectly identified as Target, Target Store c/o CT Corporation), state that on this date, the original of Defendant's Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint with New Matter Addressed to Plaintiff was served to all counsel electronically by the E-Filing system.

Attorney for Defendant Target Corporation (incorrectly identified as Target, Target Store c/o

CT Corporation)

Date: October 20, 2021

# **EXHIBIT E**

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Nicholas Chimienti, Jr. Sheriff



Jack Duignan Chief Deputy

David E. Olweiler Real Estate Deputy

David B. Dowling Solicitor

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## SHERIFF'S RETURN OF SERVICE

10/11/2021 CASE # 210802633

10/11/2021 Advance Fee

10/13/2021 01:06 PM - DEPUTY JOSHUA M. LONG, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO LAW, DEPOSES AND SAYS, THE REINSTATED COMPLAINT WAS SERVED TO LINDSEY FAULKNER, INTAKE SPECIALIST,

WHO ACCEPTED AS ADULT IN CHARGE AT THE TIME OF SERVICE TO WIT, TARGET CORPORATION AT

C/O CT CORP, 600 N 2ND STREET, SUITE 401, HARRISBURG, PA 17101.

10/13/2021 01:06 PM - DEPUTY JOSHUA M. LONG, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO LAW, DEPOSES AND SAYS, THE REINSTATED COMPLAINT WAS SERVED TO LINDSEY FAULKNER, INTAKE SPECIALIST, WHO ACCEPTED AS ADULT IN CHARGE AT THE TIME OF SERVICE TO WIT, TARGET STORES AT C/O CT CORP, 600 N 2ND STREET, SUITE 401, HARRISBURG, PA 17101.

JOSHUA M. LONG, DEPUTY

SHERIFF COST: \$60.50

SO ANSWERS.

October 19, 2021

NICHOLAS CHIMIENTI, JR., SHERIFF

COSTS

DATE	CATEGORY	MEMO	CHK#	DEBIT	CREDIT
10/11/2021	Advance Fee	Advance Fee	150638	\$0.00	\$60.50
10/19/2021	County Fee			\$60.50	\$0.00
1,71,1,71,171,171,17				\$60.50	\$60.50

BALANCE: \$0.00

NOTARY

Affirmed and subscribed to before me this

**OCTOBER** 2021 19TH day of

> Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal Karen M. Hoffman, Notary Public City of Harrisburg, Dauphin County My Commission Expires January 8, 2022 Commission Number 1257392